

continuation of US 5,653,846 which was filed on April 30, 1993. US 5,653,846 incorporated by reference at Col. 4, lines 31-36 US Application Serial Number 07/963,346, filed October 19, 1992 which issued as US 5,371,654, on December 6, 1994. Since US 5,653,846 was filed before the issue date of US 5,371,654, US 5,371,654 therefore, cannot be a 35 USC 102(b) reference against the present application. See the filing receipt dated October 31, 2001 of the present application.

Enclosed herewith are copies of Figs. 1-31 (19 Pages) which was submitted with the application when filed. Since the present application incorporates US 5,371,654 Figs. 2-18 are not prior art.

In view of the changes to the claims and the remarks herein, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the above-identified application. If the Examiner wishes to discuss the application further, or if additional information would be required, the undersigned will cooperate fully to assist in the prosecution of this application.

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In the event that this amendment does not result in allowance of all such claims, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests a telephone interview at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

MPEP 713.01 states in part as follows:

Where the response to a first complete action includes a request for an interview or a telephone consultation to be initiated by the examiner, ... the examiner, as soon as he or she has considered the effect of the response, should grant such request if it appears that the interview or consultation would result in expediting the case to a final action.

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